



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

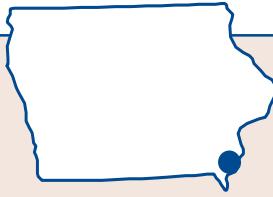
## Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Commission represents four counties with a combined population of 112,659, of which 48,891 people live in the three target cities of Burlington, Fort Madison, and Keokuk, along the Mississippi River. With the closure of the manufacturing industries along the river, these cities have experienced declining populations and increasing unemployment. In the last two years alone, manufacturing layoffs and closures have resulted in a net loss of 2,100 jobs. The median household incomes for the three communities range



### Assessment Grant

New  
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, and perform Phase I and II site assessments at a former landfill and two manufacturing sites. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at three petroleum-contaminated sites, including a former coal gasification facility and two former gas stations.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

from 17 to 25 percent less than the state median. The poverty rates are 30 percent higher than the state rate. Many of the brownfields are in predominantly residential areas, exposing the population to potential hazards. This grant will help stabilize the communities and enable reuse planning and redevelopment.